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H. R. 4376

To authorize the National Park Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of Springfield Technical Community College, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Springfield Armory
5 National Historic Site, Massachusetts Act of 2005.”

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

1 (1) The Site commemorates the role of the
2 Springfield Armory in the Nation’s military history,
3 a role that the Armory served for almost 200 years.

4 (2) The role of the Springfield Armory began in
5 1777, when the site was selected as the location for
6 a magazine and laboratory for the development, pro-
7 duction and storage of guns and powder during the
8 American Revolution.

9 (3) Following the American Revolutionary War,
10 in 1794 Congress officially established the Spring-
11 field Armory and for much of the 19th century the
12 Springfield Armory developed and supplied most of
13 the military small arms manufactured by the United
14 States for the United States Armed Services.

15 (4) In addition to its historical role in the devel-
16 opment and manufacturing of small arms, the
17 Springfield Armory was also the site of Shay’s Re-
18 bellion.

19 (5) In 1968 the Armory was deactivated as a
20 military installation and in 1974 Congress estab-
21 lished the Springfield Armory National Historic Site.
22 A portion of the Site is administered by the National
23 Park Service. The remainder of the Springfield Ar-
24 mory National Historic Site, known as the “Preser-
25 vation Control Area”, is owned and administered by

1 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on behalf of
2 Springfield Technical Community College.

3 (6) The Preservation Control Area contains sev-
4 eral historic buildings that are in a state of dis-
5 repair. The deteriorating condition of these historic
6 buildings threatens to undermine the character and
7 integrity of the Springfield Armory National His-
8 toric Site and their repair, renovation, maintenance
9 and rehabilitation is essential to the continued pres-
10 ervation of the Site and its museum and collections.

11 **SEC. 3. PRESERVATION CONTROL AREA DEFINED.**

12 For purposes of this Act, the term “Preservation
13 Control Area” means that portion of the Site that is
14 owned by the Commonwealth, as defined in the Memo-
15 randum of Understanding Between the United States and
16 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated August 21,
17 1999.

18 **SEC. 4. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE**
19 **PRESERVATION CONTROL AREA.**

20 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting
22 through the National Park Service, shall enter into a coop-
23 erative agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachu-
24 setts on behalf of Springfield Technical Community Col-
25 lege to provide financial assistance to that college for the

- 1 purpose of maintaining, preserving, renovating, and reha-
- 2 bilitating any historic structures within the Springfield Ar-
- 3 mory National Historic Site, including historic structures
- 4 located within the Preservation Control Area.

